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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JULY 14 EASTERN PLENARY STATEMENT

AT THE 144TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WAS

HELD ON JULY 14 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP'S OF UK REP (BOLLAND),

GDR REP (OESER) DELIVERED THE ONLY STATEMENT. IN IT, OESER

REVIEWED THE EASTERN INTERPRETATION OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE

AND ACCUSED THE

WEST BOTH OF DEVIATING FROM AGREEMENTS RECORDED IN THAT

DOCUMENT AND SEEKING TO REVISE IT UNILATERALLY.

OESER ALSO ACCUSED NATO OF STRENGTHENING ITS FORCES DURING THE

COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATION AND CLAIMED THE WEST HAD FAILED TO PROVE

ITS ASSERTION OF A SIGNIFICANT EASTERN SUPERIORITY IN MILITARY

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MANPOWER IN THE REDUCTION AREA. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE GDR

STATEMENT, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM, WERE:

1. SOCIALIST STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT IN SEEKING TO REDUCE THE MILITARY CONCENTRATION (IN CENTRAL EUROPE).

2. IN SO DOING, THEY HAVE PROCEEDED FROM THE ACTUAL FORCE
RELATIONSHIP IN THE AREA, WHICH IS ONE OF APPROXIMATE EQUALITY.

3. EASTERN PROPOSALS FROM THE OUTSE HAVE CONFORMED TO AGREED
PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS.

4. THOSE PROPOSALS CALL FOR THE MUTUAL REDUCTION BY ALL
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF GROUND AND AIR FORCES AS WELL AS NUCLEAR
FORCES AND (CONVENTIONAL) ARMAMENTS.

5. EASTERN PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALSO AFFIRMED
THAT ASSOCIATED MEASURES MUST BE WORKED OUT AT THE APPROPRIATE
TIME IN CONNECTION WITH REDUCTIONS.

6. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT READY FOR SUCH COMPREHENSIVE,
EFFECTIVE AND MUTUAL REDUCTIONS.

7. ON THE CONTRARY, NATO STATES DEPART FROM OBLIGATIONS
PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN AND FROM THE AGREED OBJECTIVES AND
PRINCIPLES OF THE TALKS. THEY DO NOT WANT TO APPLY THE
PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY TO ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
AND REFUSE TO INCLUDE AIR FORCES AND NUCLEAR FORCES IN REDUCTION
AND, IN PRINCIPLE, TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS ON A MUTUAL BASIS.

8. INSTEAD, PROCEEDING FROM THEIR ARBITRARY NUMERICAL DATA,
NATO STATES DEMAND ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS AIMED AT OBTAINING
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9. THE WEST MAKES UNFOUNDED ASSERTIONS THAT THE FACTS SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM OF SUBSTANTIAL FORCE DISPARITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, BUT DOES NOT PRODUCE THOSE FACTS.

10. OFFICIAL DATA SHOW APPROXIMATE EQUALITY IN MANPOWER BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARY GROUPINGS IN THE AREA.

11. NOT ONLY HAVE THE NATO STATES FILED TO PROVIDE THE PROOF. THEY REFUSE TO PRESENT NATIONAL MANPOWER FIGURES WHICH WOULD CLARIFY THE ACTUAL SITUATION BY MAKING MORE EVIDENT THE EXISTENCE OF APPROXIMATE EQUALITY.

12. THE WEST OBVIOUSLY HAS APPLIED DIFFERENT COUNTING METHODS FOR ITS OWN ARMED FORCES AND THOSE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES WHERE- AS THE LATTER HAVE CALCULATED THE FORCES OF ALL DIRECT PARTICI- PANTS IN THE SAME WAY, WHICH IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE APPROACH.
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13. THE NEGATIVE WESTERN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PURPOSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED STRENGTHENING OF NATO FORCES IN THE REDUCTION AREA.

14. IN THEIR CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WESTERN PARTICIPANTS ARE SEEKING TO RETAIN THE RIGHT TO INCREASE ARMAMENTS EVEN AFTER AN AGREEMENT AND TO LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER IMPROVE- MENT OF THE FORCES OF THE LARGEST WESTERN EUROPEAN MILITARY POWERS.

15. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE STIPULATES PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEGOTIA- TIONS, FROM WHICH OTHER PRINCIPLES ARE ALSO DERIVED EVEN THOUGH NOT EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THE TEXT.

16. THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY APPLIES TO ALL DIRECT PARTICI- PANTS AND SUPPORTS THE EASTERN DEMAND THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN STAES AND CANADA JOIN IN ASSUMING JUDICIALLY AND MATERIALLY EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES.

17. MUTUALLY EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS REQUIRE REDUCTIONS PROPORTIONAL TO THE SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARMED FORCES, BEST EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.

18. ONLY SIMULTANEOUSLY AGREED OBLIGATIONS CAN GIVE MUTUAL GUARANTEES THAT ALL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCTIONS IN WHATEVER SEQUENCE.

19. WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH SO-CALLED STABILIZING AND OTHER MEASURES OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF REDUCTIONS CONTRADICTS THE PROVISION THAT SUCH MEASURES ARE TO BE AGREED UPON TOGETHER WITH REDUCTIONS.

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20. WESTERN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CEASE TO REJECT THE FEBRUARY 1976 EASTERN PROPOSAL, WHICH CONFIRMS WITH THE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, AND GIVE UP THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES.RESOR

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